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SUBJECT: MOMBASA SHIP VISITS

REFS: NAIROBI 1542 (NOTAL), 1560 (NOTAL), 1703 (NOTAL)

1. WE FULLY APPRECIATE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WHICH VISITS OF BOTH KITTY HAWK/BRUNSTEIN MARCH 20-26 RPT 20-26 AND MIDEASTFOR TURNOVER UNITS SO CLOSE TOGETHER MAY POSE. YOU CAN ANTICIPATE COMIDEASTFOR REVISING VISIT REQUEST TO 7-9 APRIL FOR BRUMBY/KOELSCH AND 7-11 APRIL FOR PAUL/
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MULLINIX. UPON RECEIPT OF NAIROBI 1560 DEPT INFORMED DOD

THAT IT WISHED TO BE ASSURED THAT NAVY HAD EXPLORED ALL POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES BEFORE AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TO SEEK GOK CONCURRENCE OF ABOVE TWO VISITS ROUGHLY TWO WEEKS APART. ON THAT OCCASION DEPT CALLED DOD'S ATTENTION TO EMBASSY CONCERN RE POSSIBILITY OF GOK'S BEING LESS RECEPTIVE IN FUTURE TO SHIP VISITS SHOULD VISITS BECOME TOO FREQUENT AND TOO VISIBLE.

2. DOD, IN CONJUNCTION WITH PERTINENT NAVAL COMMANDS HAS

NOW EXAMINED POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES; BUT BECAUSE OF REQUIRED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AND INABILITY FOR VARIED REASONS TO VISIT OTHER PORTS AT THIS TIME, DOD HAS FOUND NO SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE. ACCORDINGLY, WHILE RECOGNIZING SHORT TIME REMAINING FOR CLEARANCE OF REQUEST FOR KITTY HAWK/BRUNSTEIN VISIT, DEPT REQUESTS EMBASSY, ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS AND SUBJECT ITS DISCRETION, TO SEEK GOK APPROVAL OF BOTH VISITS. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES REQUEST FOR THESE TWO VISITS IS MORE THAN TRAFFIC WILL BEAR AND WOULD JEOPARDIZE CONTINUING GOK RECEPTIVITY TO U.S. SHIP VISITS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSESSMENT BEFORE YOU APPROACH GOK.

3. DOD HAS ASSURED US THAT IT WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID SUCH BACK-TO-BACK VISITS IN FUTURE.

4. DEPT AND DOD ARE REVIEWING EMBASSY GUIDELINES SUBMITTED NAIROBI 1560. KISSINGER

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